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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SITE OF SPRING NAC, DPC AND NPG MINISTERIAL MEETINGS,

PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 4

REF: STATE 023920 (NOTAL)

1. AT LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 4, SYG LUNS REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EFFORT TO FIX SITE FOR SPRING 1975 NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. THIS REVIEW WAS IN ESSENCE A LITANY OF NATO CAPITALS WHICH, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, HAVE DECLINED THE HONOR OF HOSTING THIS SPRINGS NAC MINISTERIAL. AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND REPEAT RECOMMEND TO HIS AUTHORITIES THAT BELGIUM OFFER ITS HOSPITALITY. THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL.

2. WHILE PERMREPS DID NOT SPEAK OF SPECIFIC DATES FOR THE NAC MINISTERIAL, IT WAS THE SENSE OF THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE THE END OF MAY OR THE BEGINNING OF JUNE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DPC MINISTERIAL, ALSO IN BRUSSELS.

3. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS BROAD CONSENSUS AMONG THE PERMREPS
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THAT IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT IF THE NPG MINISTERIAL IN THE UNITED STATES COULD BE HELD JUST PRIOR TO THE EXERCISE SEALINK 75, THE SACLANT SYMPOSIUM ON MARITIME MATTERS, BEING HELD AT THE US NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, JUNE 18 TO 20. IN

THIS MANNER, PERMREPS THOUGHT MANY AMBASSADORS AND DELEGATES
COULD AVOID UNNECESSARY EXPENSE OF TWO SEPARATE TRANSATLANTIC
ROUNDTrips TO THE UNITED STATES THIS SPRING.

4. ACTION: MISSION REQUEST PROMPT GUIDANCE ON: A) DEPARTMENT'S
PREFERENCES AS TO DATES FOR SPRING 1975 NAC AND DPC MINISTERIALS
(ASSUMING THEY WILL BE HELD, ONE FOLLOWING THE OTHER, IN BRUSSELS);
AND B) THE SITE AND DATES PROPOSED FOR THE NPG MINISTERIAL.
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